poor through (i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States. Based on the reports received from the State Governments/UTs till 30th June, 2001, in addition to urban poor numbering about 3.44 lakhs and 3.07 lakhs having been assisted through setting up of micro-enterprises and training respectively, 379.33 lakhs mandays of work have also been generated for them with the utilisation of funds amounting to Rs. 718 crores (approximately).

(b) The implementation of the Scheme is reviewed from time to time both at the State and the Central levels.

(c) The Central Government may spent more funds through State Governments as compared to the last year subject to the utilisation of previous balances by the States/UTs and submission of utilisation certificates thereof.

(d) In addition to the unspent balances amounting to about Rs. 556 crores, both Central and State Funds taken together, from out of the erstwhile urban poverty alleviation schemes subsumed in SJSRY with effect from 1.12.1997, Central funds totaling Rs. 461 crores (including Rs. 85.13 crores for 2000-01) have been released to the States/UTs under SJSRY till 31st March, 2001. The total tentative allocation for the current financial year *viz.*, 2001-02 for release to the States/UTs is Rs. 163.74 crores.

New Housing Schemes in Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh etc.

†2406. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start new housing schemes in Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and North-Eastern States during the year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details therefor; and

(c) the amount allocated by Government to said States for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) No new housing scheme by this Ministry is proposed to be

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started in the States of Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and North-East during the year 2001-2002.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Under-utilisation of funds released under NSDP by Andhra Pradesh

2407. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is spending less than fifty per cent of the funds released under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) for slum improvement in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) No, Sir. Since inception of the Programme an amount of Rs. 11807.89 lakhs as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) has been released so far by the Union Government under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and as per information received from State Govt. they have incurred an expenditure of Rs. 7441.00 lakhs so far.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Common Cadre for Department of Publication, Printing and Stationery

2408. VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any common cadre has been constituted for the three separate Departments *i.e.* Publication. Printing and Stationery;

(b) if so, the number and the date of Government Order;

(c) whether it was decided in 1986 that the Directorate of Printing was not competent authority for appointment of Assistant Controller in the Department of Publication; and

(d) if so, the authority under which transfer orders of Assistant Controller appointed by Controller of Publication are being issued?